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1. PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SECRETARY TO
FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN.

2. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. MINISTER,

I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE OF MY CONCERN ABOUT THE
COMING UNITED NATIONS DEBATE ON KOREA. I KNOW THAT
CHARGE LUKENS HAS REVIEWED OUR POSITION ON THIS
ISSUE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS WITH YOUR MINISTRY AND
WE ARE AWARE OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S TENTATIVE POSITION.
HOWEVER, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMUNICATE WITH YOU PERSONALLY
ON THIS MATTER.
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THE KOREAN ITEM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ISSUE ON THE
UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY AGENDA THIS YEAR AS FAR AS THE
UNITED STATES IS CONCERNED. THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF THE
DEBATE WILL BE ARRANGEMENTS TO MAINTAIN THE PEACE AND
SECURITY OF THE PENINSULA. I RECOGNIZE THAT MANY UN
MEMBERS BELIEVE - AND THE UNITED STATES AGREES - THAT
IT IS TIME TO TERMINATE THE UN COMMAND. HOWEVER, THE
UNITED STATES WILL NOT ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL TO TERMINATE
THE COMMAND WHICH FAILS TO PROVIDE FOR THE CONTINUING
VALIDITY OF THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, WHICH HAS BEEN OF
SUCH IMPORTANCE IN KEEPING THE PEACE ON THE KOREAN
PENINSULA. THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES IN
CONTINUED STABILITY IN THE AREA AND THE INTEREST OF THE
WORLD COMMUNITY IN THIS STABILITY MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY
NECESSARY THAT THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE RESPONSIBLE
ACTION IN THIS DEBATE.

THE RESOLUTION WHICH THE UNITED STATES HAS JOINED IN
COSPONSORING IS DESIGNED TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PREVIOUS
UN DECISIONS ON THE KOREAN ISSUE AND TO THE NEEDS FOR
MAINTAINING PEACE ON THE PENINSULA. IT PROVIDES FOR
TERMINATION OF THE UN COMMAND. IT DOES THIS WITHOUT
UPSETTING THE PRINCIPAL MECHANISM FOR MAINTENANCE OF
PEACE IN KOREA, THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT OF 1953, BECAUSE
IT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE UN COMMAND, AS SIGNATORY TO THE
ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, CAN BE REPLACED ONLY WHEN A SUB-
STITUTE MECHANISM FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE IS AGREED
BY ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED. THE RESOLUTION RESPONDS
TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ENDORSEMENT IN THE CONSENSUS
RESOLUTION OF 1973, REAFFIRMED LAST YEAR, OF TALKS BETWEEN
SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA BY CALLING FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN
ALL THE PARTIES CONCERNED WITH THE ARMISTICE WHICH IN-
CLUDES SOUTH AND NORTH KOREA, THE UNITED STATES AND THE
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. IT FORESEES A CONFERENCE
WHICH WOULD FIRST PROVIDE NEW MECHANISMS FOR MAINTAINING
THE ARMISTICE BUT WHICH COULD THEN GO ON TO CONSIDER
MORE LASTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR REDUCING TENSIONS ON THE
PENINSULA.

THE RESOLUTION PRESENTED ON BEHALF OF NORTH KOREA DOES
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NOT RESPOND TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S PREVIOUS RESOLU-
TIONS BECAUSE IT CALLS FOR A PEACE SETTLEMENT BETWEEN
THE "REAL PARTIES" WHICH NORTH KOREA IDENTIFIES AS
THE UNITED STATES AND NORTH KOREA, EXCLUDINGSOUTH KOREA
WHICH IS AN ESSENTIAL PARTY TO ANY SUCH AGREEMENT. IT
CALLS FOR REMOVING THE UN COMMAND WITHOUT ANY PROVISION
FOR MAINTAINING THE ARMISTICE MECHANISM WHILE DISCUS-
SIONS OF A "PEACE AGREEMENT" PROCEED. THE RESOLUTION

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CALLS FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN TROOPS "UNDER THE UN FLAG" WHICH NORTH KOREA MAKES CLEAR ARE U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA. THESE TROOPS ARE IN KOREA UNDER A U.S.-ROK BILATERAL AGREEMENT AT THE INVITATION OF THE ROK. NORTH KOREA, I NOTE, MAINTAINS TREATIES OF MUTUAL DEFENSE WITH BOTH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PRC.

THE ALGERIAN RESOLUTION WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO INSTABILITY ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA, IS BLATANTLY ONE-SIDED IN IGNORING THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND INTERFERES IN AN IMPORTANT U.S. SECURITY ARRANGEMENT WITH THE ROK. BECAUSE OF THE VERY SERIOUS CONSIDERATIONS DESCRIBED ABOVE AND OUR CLOSE BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP, I HOPE YOU WILL INSTRUCT YOUR DELEGATION IN NEW YORK TO VOTE AGAINST THIS RESOLUTION.

IF YOU WISH TO DISCUSS THESE TWO RESOLUTIONS FURTHER, I KNOW THAT CHARGE LUKENS WILL BE PLEASED TO MEET WITH YOU OR MEMBERS OF YOUR MINISTRY.

SINCERELY,

HENRY A. KISSINGER.

END TEXT.

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